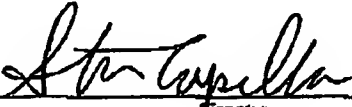
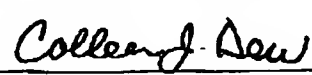
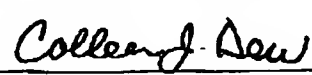
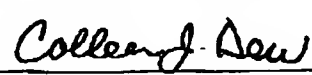


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In Re Application Of: Eric P. Solecky et al.						
Serial No. 09/996,399	Filing Date November 29, 2001	Examiner Tung S. Lau	Group Art Unit 2863			
Invention: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR CHARACTERIZING FEATURES AT SMALL DIMENSIONS						
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:</u></p> <p>Applicant(s) hereby appeal(s) to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision of the Primary Examiner dated Oct. 20, 2003 finally rejecting Claim(s)</p> <p>The fee for this Notice of Appeal is: \$330.00</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Director has already been authorized to charge fees in this application to a Deposit Account.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 09-0458, FI-017</p> <p> Signature</p> <p>Dated: January 20, 2004</p> <p>Steven Capella, Registration No. 33,086 International Business Machines Corporation 2070 Route 52 Hopewell Junction, New York 12533 845-894-3669</p> <table border="1"><tr><td>I certify that this document and fee is being faxed Jan. 20, 2004 and is addressed to the Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.</td></tr><tr><td> Signature of Person Faxing Correspondence</td></tr><tr><td>Colleen J. Dew Typed or Printed Name of Person Faxing Correspondence</td></tr></table>				I certify that this document and fee is being faxed Jan. 20, 2004 and is addressed to the Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.	 Signature of Person Faxing Correspondence	Colleen J. Dew Typed or Printed Name of Person Faxing Correspondence
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